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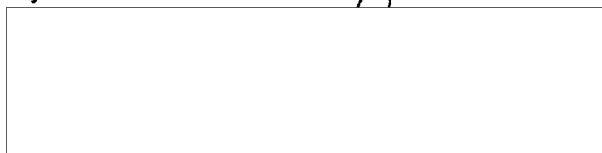
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate
Armed Services Committee, re Cooper Bill (S. 2224)

1. Today while Mr. Maury and I were talking with him, Mr. Ed Braswell brought up the subject of the Cooper bill (S. 2224) and said he was preparing a letter for the Chairman's signature to block any attempt by Senator Fulbright to bring this bill up on the floor under unanimous consent agreement without its having also been reported by the Armed Services Committee. He said he was rather concerned about this legislation, however, and asked if we had any suggestions as to how the Chairman might attack it on the floor.

2. We said we had a position paper already prepared on the bill and added we felt strong arguments could be made by the Chairman. We pointed out that the Foreign Relations Committee already receives all of the conclusions reached by the intelligence community in intelligence briefings on a world-wide basis but this was quite different from giving the Committee access to the basis for these conclusions which would involve the disclosure of intelligence sources and methods. We said this could result in leaks of extremely sensitive information which could dry up the sources on which we base the conclusions which have been so enthusiastically endorsed by Senator Fulbright himself.

3. I also pointed out it would create an impossible situation if the Director were subject to the control and guidance of the Foreign Relations Committee since his responsibility had to remain exclusively with the President and the National Security Council.



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